

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
PARKING AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE:** First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; Robert Richards, Susan Marks, Marc Thorne, Charles Koons

**STAFF:** Kate Clarke Buch, Town Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p. m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Frank Huck came forward to state that early morning commuters seem to be a favorite class while those arriving to park later seem to be a less favorite class. He stated that people do not always have work schedules that are nine to five and they have to be taken into consideration. People also arrive at the parking lot later in the day to utilize attractions in New York City. He also stated that the rule changes should be nailed down before commuters purchase their renewals.

Mr. Richard Williamson came forward to state that the elderly, students, consultants, and others arrive later in the day to the parking lot. They need to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Sebastian Riva came forward to state the parking permits are not necessary. Parking should be granted on a first-come first-serve basis. He stated that comparing rates of other towns with Darien parking fees is not an objective way to set fees. He stated he would like parking garages that would be available to only Darien residents.

Ms. Stevenson stated that with the exception of Leroy West, the parking lots are owned by the State of Connecticut, and the Town of Darien does not have the authority to reserve them for only Darien residents. She stated that parking rates are set based on capital expenditures.

Mr. Jim Cameron came forward to state that Darien is not in a situation where it can reserve spaces for all of our commuters. He stated that this proposal is a great idea and encourages the Board of Selectman to approve it.

Ms. Buch stated that Mr. Charles Locke emailed the board of Selectmen in opposition to the proposal.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action on a resolution amending the administrative regulations of the Town of Darien regarding parking (Sec 74R)**

Mr. Koons stated he wants the time kept at 10:00 a. m. or at the earliest 9:30 a. m. for the switch from permit only parking. Mr. Richards stated that he did not see a problem with setting the time at 9:30 a. m. Ms. Marks and Ms. Stevenson and Mr. Thorne agreed. Discussion followed on the changes to be made to the pricing structure. It was agreed that the changes are reasonable.

- \*\* MR. RICHARDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN TO ADJUST THE PARKING FEE SCHEDULE.**
- \*\* MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED 4-0, MR. KOONS RECUSED HIMSELF.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

##### **Special Meeting of October 4, 2016**

- \*\* MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2016.**
- \*\* MR. KOONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* MS. MARKS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney  
Telesco Secretarial Services